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Subject: Redesignation of "Security Branch", Central Planning Staff, CIG, as "Counter Intelligence Branch", Central Planning Staff, CIG.

1. It has become increasingly evident that some confusion exists in the minds of personnel of the Central Intelligence Group as well as of other agencies regarding the functions of the Security Branch of the Central Planning Staff, CIG, because of its designation by the word "Security". Experience indicates that these individuals believe that the Security Branch is charged with routine internal security responsibilities relating to the Central Intelligence Group which are, in fact, those of the Security Officer of the Central Intelligence Group.

2. The word "security" is synonymous with "protection", "defense", or "guard" and, in the minds of individuals with counter intelligence background, implies generally a counterintelligence function of a passive character. The word "counter intelligence", on the other hand, pertains to all security control measures, both active and passive, designed to insure the safeguarding of information, personnel, matériel, or installations against the espionage, sabotage or subversive activities

of foreign powers or disaffected groups or individuals. "Counter intelligence", thus, is an all-inclusive term which is deemed more suitable and appropriate to serve as the designation of this Branch of your staff. Furthermore, use of the word "counter intelligence" rather than "security" avoids the implication that the CIG engages in certain security activities expressly forbidden by paragraph 4 of the Presidential letter of 22 January 1946 which states that "no police, law enforcement or internal security functions shall be exercised under this directive".

3. It is, therefore, recommended that appropriate action be initiated to effect the change of the present designation of this Branch to that of "Counter Intelligence" Branch, Central Planning Staff, CIG.

  
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